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EXAMINER:

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Hamud, F.

SERIAL NO.: 09/554,980

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FOR: Basic Fibroblast Growth
Treatment of Sepsis

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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents
BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 27,
2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks.
Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 5.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (amended) A method of inhibiting the generation of
ceramide from sphingomyelin comprising the step of administering
basic fibroblast growth factor to an animal in need of such treatment.